

The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 2722.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1890.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

- 1.—THE BUSINESS of the above BANK will be conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on their premises in Hongkong. Business Hours on WEEK-DAYS, 10 to 12 SATURDAYS, 10 to 12.
- 2.—SUMS LESS THAN \$1, or MORE THAN \$250 at one time will not be received. No Depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—DEPOSITORS in the SAVINGS BANK, having \$100, or more, at their credit may at their option transfer the sum to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on fixed deposit for 12 months at 4 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—INTEREST at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. will be allowed to Depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—EACH DEPOSITOR will be supplied gratis with a PASS-BOOK, which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their PASS-BOOKS, but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—CORRESPONDENCE as to the Business of the Bank, marked on HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK BUSINESS, will be forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—WITHDRAWALS may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the Depositor or his duly appointed Agent, and the production of his PASS-BOOK, are necessary.

FOR THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1890.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000.

LONDON:

Head Office.....40, Threadneedle Street.
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BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives MONEY ON DEPOSIT, Buys and Sells BILLS OF EXCHANGE, ISSUES LETTERS OF CREDIT, forwards BILLS for COLLECTION, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per Cent. per Annum.

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS 3 per Cent. per Annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL \$8,168,062.50
RESERVE FUND 5,482,127.00
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS 8,168,062.50

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT at the rate of 3 per cent. per Annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per Cent. per Annum.

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LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities, and every description of BANKING and EXCHANGE business transacted.

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T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 11th September, 1890.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$5,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL 2,500,000.
RESERVE FUND 1,500,000.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Properties purchased and sold. Estates Managed and all kinds of Agency and Commission business relating to land, etc., conducted.

Full particulars can be obtained at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road Central.

A. SHELTON ROOPER,
Secretary.

Victoria Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1890.

Intimations.

PIANOS ON HIRE.

A. HAHN.

PIANOS FOR SALE.

GRAND CHRISTMAS SHOW

TOYS and other useful PRESENTS.

XMAS TREE DECORATIONS.

SWEETS and BONBONNIERES, &c., &c., &c.

Quality Superb.

Open daily: (Sundays excepted) from 9 A.M. to 10 P.M.

Prices very moderate.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1890.

No. 2, PEDDER'S STREET.
[1126]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

AGENTS IN HONGKONG AND CHINA FOR THE
"MERRITT" TYPE WRITER,
PRICE \$200.00.

ALTHOUGH the "Merritt" cannot be manipulated so rapidly as the "Remington," "Hammond" and other high priced machines, a fair rate of speed may be obtained with a little practice, whilst the work produced is just as effective and the cost nearly one eighth of that of its competitors.

There is nothing to learn, the mechanism is of the simplest kind; and it is almost impossible to get out of order. COMPLETE for \$20. It may be seen at work at our store.

Received per English Mail, Christmas Numbers of the "Graphic," "Illustrated London News," "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News," "Yale Tide," "Ladies Pictorial," "Pictorial World," "Arrowsmith's Magazine," "Art Annual," &c. N.B.—The Pictures are not spoiled by crushing.

BOOKS OF THE DAY.

General Booth's "In Darkest England,"

Frederic's Life of Lord Beaconsfield,

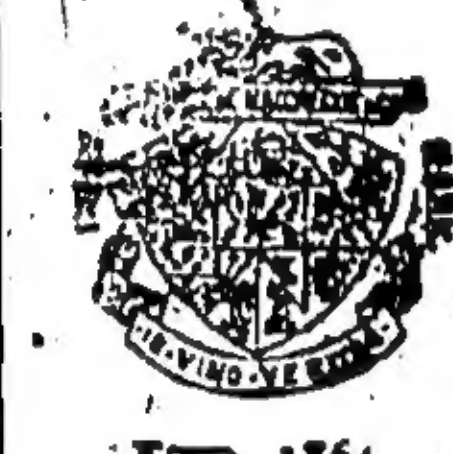
Calcutta's Picturesque India,

Marion Crawford's "A Cigarette Maker's Story."

A few copies of each of the above are to hand by the mail, and large supplies ordered in anticipation, will be here shortly. Orders should be sent in to us early.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1890.



CHAMPAGNES.

CLARETS.

BURGUNDIES.

PORTS.

Best brands—choicest vintages.

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.,

Hongkong—13, Queen's Road.

ROBERT LANG & CO.,

TAILORS, HATTERS, SHIRTMAKERS, AND GENTLEMEN'S OUTFITTERS.

NEW HATS.

CHRISTY'S & HEATH'S Black, Brown and Grey FELT HATS.

DOUBLE and SINGLE TIE and other SOFT FELTS.

Best English-made STRAW HATS.

LADIES' FELT HELMETS and CALCUTTA PITH HATS.

TWEED CAPS. ROBERT LANG & Co. [1139]

Hongkong, 28th July, 1890.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

CHRISTMAS, 1890!!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS.

NEW ELECTRO-PLATED SILVER WARE.

FANCY GLASS AND CHINA.

FANCY LEATHER GOODS.

MENU and GUEST CARDS.

NEW TABLE LAMPS.

PIPES and CIGAR HOLDERS.

CHILDREN'S CARDS.

NEW IN-DOOR GAMES.

CHILDREN'S TOYS.

Christmas Decorations.

A QUANTITY OF THE LATEST NOVELTIES SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.

New Season's PUDDING FRUITS IN BULK.

SOUPS:—Real Turtle, &c. &c.

FISH of all kinds.

GAME and other Poultry.

TONGUES in Canvas and Tins.

Curries, Chutneys, French and English Vegetables, assorted Pickles, Flavoured

Jellies, Orange and Rose Flower Water, Celery in Juice,

Horseradish, &c., &c.

DESSERT FRUITS.

METZ FRUITS and DATES.

MUSCATELS, SYRMA FRIGS, APPLES, ELVAS PLUMS, PRUNES.

DRIED APRICOTS and PEACHES.

NUTS:—Almonds in Shell, Brazil, Filberts and Barcelona.

PLUM PUDDINGS and MINCEMEAT.

Finest Selected YORK HAMS.

WILTSHIRE-CURED STREAKY BACON and LATH CHAFS.

GORGONZOLA, CHEDDAR, and STILTON CHEESE.

"CHRISTMAS" AND ASSORTED

BISCUITS.

ICE WAFERS, SHORT-BREAD.

FRENCH and ENGLISH CONFECTIONERY.

FANCY CHOCOLATE and CHOCOLATE CREAMS.

FANCY BONBON BOXES.

WINE, SPIRITS, LIQUEURS, BEERS, &c.

Our usual Assortment of First-class Brands.

AYALA & Co.'s EXTRA DRY CHAMPAGNE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1890.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, AND FANCY GOOD.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction

TO-MORROW,

the 20th December, 1890, commencing at 11.30

a.m. sharp, at his Sale Rooms,

Duddell Street.

A QUANTITY OF

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

DRAWING ROOM SUITE, SILK

TAPESIRY COVE, RED, Marble-top TABLE,

Marble-top CONSOLE, TABLE and GLASS,

PICTURES, MIRRORS, P. NOS.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE & CHAIRS,

SIDEBOARD with Mirror-back, PLATED,

GLASS and CROCKERY-WARE, CUTLERY,

q.c., &c., &c.

Single and Double IRON BEDSTEADS

with Patent WIRE MATTRESSES, Single and

Double WARDROBES with plate glass front,

Marble-top WASHING STAND and DRESS-

ING TABLES, BED-ROOM FURNITURE,

&c., &c., &c.

Also,

An Invoice of very fine BOHEMIAN

DECORATED GLASS WARE, comprising

LIQUEUR SETS, TOILET SETS and other

ORNAMENTS

AND

OTHER FANCY GOODS.

The above will be on view on Friday P.M.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.

G. R. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [11710]

Hotels.

THE SHAMHEEN HOTEL

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the 'River Steamer Wharves,' is now open to receive Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Rooms, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table d'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experienced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liqueurs, etc., of the best quality only.

A. F. DO ROZARIO,

Manager.

Hongkong, 4th November, 1890. [11047]

THE HOTEL MARINA.

THIS strictly FIRST CLASS HOTEL, now moored in the Harbour of Victoria, offers guests exceptional advantages for Healthfulness and Refreshing breezes: the avoidance of street noises, and unwholesome odours, &c.

Grand Promenade Deck, Airy Dining Room, Ladies' Parlour, Billiard and Reading Rooms, Commodious Bedrooms, with separate Bathroom and Venetian to each.

The Table d'Hôte is unexcelled.

The Hotel Launch runs regularly to and from Pedder's Wharf and the Hotel Free of Charge; for time table see Bills.

Hongkong, 13th August, 1890. [11178]

THE BOA VISTA.

BISHOP'S BAY, MACAO.

THIS House, situated on the sea shore in one of the best and healthiest parts of Macao, and commanding an admirable view facing the South, was OPENED as a HOTEL on the 1st July.

Every comfort will be provided for visitors, with excellent cuisine and choice Wines.

Hot, Cold, Shower and Sea Water Baths. Large and well Ventilated Dining, Billiard, and Reading Rooms, and well supplied Bar.

A small daily train is attached to the premises.

Mrs. MARIA R. DOS REMEDIOS,

Proprietress. [1087]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AND ADELAIDE.

(Calling at TIMOR, PORT DARWIN, and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and thence through Cargoe to NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"MENMUIR,"

Capitain Craig, will be despatched for the above Ports, on MONDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1890. [11675]

STEAM TO STRAITS AND BOMBAY.

(Calling at Colombo if sufficient inducement offers).

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"TEHERAN,"

Capitain C. D. Sams, R.N.R., will leave for the above places, on TUESDAY, the 23rd instant, at Noon, and not as previously advertised.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1890. [11715]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"VERONA,"

Capitain F. H. Seymour, will leave for the above places, on SATURDAY, the 27th inst., at DAY-LIGHT.

E. L. WOODIN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1890. [11713]

THE CHINA SHIPPERS' MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR LONDON.

THE Company's Steamship

"OANFA,"

W. S. Thomson, Commander, will be despatched as above on or about the 1st prox.

For Freight, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1890. [11709]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"GUY MANNERING,"

Capitain Ford, will be despatched for the above port, on or about the 15th January, 1891.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1890. [11722]

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE 3/3 L. I. American Ship

"SEA WITCH,"

Tibbets, Master, will leave here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1890. [11718]

Intimations.

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

PHOTOGRAPHIC GOODS.

LENSES.

RAPID RECTILINEAR LENSES by
Taylor Taylor and Hobson with Iris
Diaphragms.

These are best of English made lenses and
will give results quite equal to Ross or Dallme-
yers lenses at a considerably reduced cost.

1 pl. \$20 2 pl. \$25 3 pl. \$30

MIDDLEBURY CAMERAS.

The perfection of a Tourist Camera and Portable
Camera of good solid construction manufactured
expressly to our order, each with 3 double dark
slides, tripod stand and case.

1 pl. \$20 2 pl. \$25 3 pl. \$30

Kodak Cameras. No. 1, a most acceptable
Christmas present to anyone.

PHOTO SUNDRIES.

Spare carries for Dark Slides.
Dishes—Glass, Earthenware, Vulcanite,
Measures, Mounts, Albumenized Paper,
&c., &c., &c.

(Telephone No. 60.)

No. 23 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1890. [1635]



BY APPOINTMENT.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.
(ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.)
HONGKONG.

WE invite attention to the following old
lauded Brands, all of which are of ex-
cellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our
London House, and bought direct from the most
noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled
by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the
best goods at moderate prices.

IN ordering it is only necessary to state the
name and quantity of Wine or Spirit wanted,
and initial letter for quality desired.

Orders through Local Post or by Telegram
receive prompt attention.

PORTS. (For Invalids and general use.)

Per Case. Per Doz.

A Alto Doro, good quality, \$10 \$100

B Green Capsule, \$10 \$100

C Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, \$12 \$120

D Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, \$14 \$140

SHERRIES. \$18 \$180

A Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule, 6 0.60

B Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule, 7.50 0.75

C Manzanilla, Pale Natural, 10 1.00

CC Sherry, White Capsule, 10 1.00

D Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule, 10 1.00

E Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule (Old Bottled), 14 1.50

CLARETS. Per Case. Per Doz.

A Superior Breakfast Claret, \$4 \$40

B Red Capsule, \$4.50 \$45

C St. Estephe, Red Capsule, \$5 \$50

D La Jolle, \$5 \$50

BRANDY. Per Case. Per Doz.

A Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule, \$12 \$120

B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule, \$14 \$140

C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule, \$18 \$180

D Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule, \$24 \$240

SCOTCH WHISKY.

A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule, 8 0.75

B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, 8 0.75

C Watson's Abouloir-Glenorchy Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark, 8 0.75

D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule, 10 1.00

E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule, 12 1.10

IRISH WHISKY.

A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule, 8 0.75

B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule, 10 1.00

C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule, 12 1.10

GENUINE BOURBON WHISKY, fine old, Red Capsule, with Name, 10 1.00

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A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule, 4.50 0.40

B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule, 4.50 0.40

C Fine A. V. H. Geneva, 4.50 0.40

RUM.

Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule, 12 1.00

Good Lowland Island, \$1.50 per Gallon.

LIQUEURS.

Benedictine, Martell, \$1.50 per Gallon.

Chartruse, \$1.50 per Gallon.

Dr. Serravallo's Cherry Cordial, \$1.50 per Gallon.

Dr. Serravallo's Angostura Bitters, &c., \$1.50 per Gallon.

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SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY

REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1890.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The first responsible Ministry in Western Australia is to be appointed towards the end of December.

The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Co. informs us that the Company's steamer *Verona* left Nagasaki for this port at 5 p.m. yesterday.

We are requested to state that his Excellency the Acting Governor will receive visitors at Government House to-morrow afternoon.

Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co., agents for the Canadian-Pacific Line, inform us that the steamer *Batavia* arrived at Vancouver on the 17th inst.

The recent duels in France have brought out an appeal from Jules Simon, who calls upon his countrymen to abandon the absurd custom of duelling.

The supposed horsehair that hangs from dragons' helmets is grown on Chinese heads, it appears. We mention this fact in justice to the noble animal.

"We made a big mistake, Adam," said Eve, after they had settled outside of the garden. "How, dear?" "We should have insisted upon having that matter arbitrated!"

It is understood that there are a hundred girls to each man employed in the gunpowder and cartridge-factory at Footscray, Melbourne. This sounds, rather embarrassing for the odd men.

A COMPANY is being formed to establish restaurants for the sale of horse-flesh dishes in the East End of London, on a similar plan to those which are running in Berlin and Paris.

THE Hon. Sec. of the Cricket Club informs us that there will be a "pick-up" match to-morrow, commencing at 11.30 a.m. sharp. Members who intend playing should be on the ground punctually.

As will be seen from an advertisement in another column, the meeting of the shareholders in the Green Island Cement Coy., which was called for to-morrow, has been postponed until the 3rd of January '91.

A new religious sect has started in Russia, all the members (male and female) being clean-shaven. A congregation without a single hair on its aggregate head must be a most surprising spectacle, than that which adorns the stalls of a leg-show theatre.

BARONESS de Ros, who has just completed her 95th year, was a beautiful girl of 20 when she danced at the historic ball given at Brussels on the eve of Waterloo, June 17th, 1815, by her father, the Duke of Richmond. Two of her sisters still survive—one, aged 87, the other 82.

A GEORGIA clergyman named McCutcheon was arrested for wife-beating before the Bishop's ministers conference in Atlanta. His brethren solemnly resolved that they disapproved of his beating his wife, but that they "still retain confidence in his Christian character." Hallelujah!

A BULLOCK fell from a cattle train on the Sandhurst, Vic. line the other day, and escaped without injury. The animal followed up its luck by charging the engine of a goods train, by which time "Providence" had become tired of saving a bullock from an unnatural death, and the usual consequences resulted.

At the meeting of the Legislative Council which is to be held to-morrow morning the following *addendum* will be included in the "orders of the day":—"Third reading of the Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to provide for, and regulate a Pension Fund for widows and children of Public Officers of the Colony.'"

A PORTUGUESE assistant bailiff of Her Britannic Majesty's Supreme Court in the Colony is said to be in very great difficulty. He was sent to collect a few dollars lately by virtue of a writ which he had since made his appearance at the Hall of Equity. Are we to have another Joaquim Xavier affair? It looks like it.

CAPTAIN Anstruther Thomson, Kt., of the S.A. sporting celebrity—almost a millionaire. The lady is a well-known Adelaide beauty and only just out of her teens. At this rate England's nobility will soon be offering premiums to Governors for billets on the staff.

THERE is a certain amount of placid happiness in being deserted in Britain, and living on the generous soil of the British mainland. For instance, a workhouse matron at Westbury-on-Tyeme has lately been "reprimanded" for throwing fourteen buckets of cold water over a little girl, and then hitting her with the bucket.

THE fire that occurred at the Customs station at Capetown on the 10th inst. is said to have originated in the cook-house of a gambling hall situated at the rear of the revenue officers' quarters. It is probable that a respectable brick, stone and mortar edifice, will replace the conglomeration of mud walls and bamboo matting which has hitherto served the purpose of an Imperial Custom House at the Pass.

ANOTHER interesting specimen of humanity, of the genus smuggler, named Mok Man Keng, of our local Police Court this morning. Inspector Stanton charged him with being actively concerned in the piratical attack on the British steamer *Namoa* on the 10th inst. No evidence was taken, and the case was formally remanded by Mr. Wise until Tuesday, the 23rd inst.

Tin John Pender, the "Cable King," has, says the *Kobe Herald*, arranged to pay a visit to the Pacific side of the world next year, and is already apprised of the fact. This is what we strongly advocated in a special article entitled "The obnoxious 'Telegraph Convention' some four months ago."

We learn that there is a good deal of truth in the rumor of an intention on the part of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha to extend their lines of steamers to the southward of Hongkong. One route is said to be from Yokohama to Manila and Surabaya, via Shanghai, Amoy and Hongkong. It does not appear that any definite decision has yet been arrived at by the Board of Directors in Tokyo, but the presence of a fine steamer like the *Atsuta Maru* in these latitudes is somewhat significant at the present moment.

THE British Surveying Ship *Egeria*, Captain A. M. Field, which arrived in port this morning from Singapore, reports as follows:—"Left Singapore on the 27th ultimo. Canled fine weather to Labuan, and thence had strong N.E. trades to Manila. Deep sea soundings were taken throughout the passage. An aborigine, named John Heathman, died during the voyage from Manila to Hongkong."

In the province of Perm, in Russia, there has just passed away a remarkable person, Stefan Ajerjev by name. In his one hundred and tenth year. The village priest, who has known the old man for the last thirty years, states that he had never seen him older since his eightieth birthday. Toward the end of his life he drank over a quart of corn brandy a day. He was never ill in his life. How's that for high ye GT's?

DION Boucault's last literary work was a novel entitled, "Two Men's Bride," written in collaboration with the feminine celebrity, Clara Belle. At the time of his death it had been put into plates and an edition printed ready to be put into the market. Boucault told a friend only a few days ago that in the division of labor on "Two Men's Bride" alternate chapters had been assigned to the co-authors, each writing half the book. He regarded the plot as valuable for stage purposes, too, and he contemplated a dramatization of it for production at the Boston Museum.

It is seldom that a Hongkong audience has the opportunity of seeing an actor of the calibre of Signor Majeroni, but to their credit be it said, if the size and enthusiasm of last night's audience can be taken as a criterion—they are ready to acknowledge and support genuine talent when it does come along. "The Old Corporal" is not a play that would ever become popular in Hongkong. In fact, take the chief actor away and the house would be empty in half an hour—the transition from the sublime to the ridiculous is so easy. However, the character as portrayed by Signor Majeroni was so true to life, so full of genuine feeling and so wonderfully real, that he fairly carried the audience along with him. His performance was without doubt, the finest exhibition of dramatic art ever seen on the Hongkong stage. Arrangements have been made to repeat the piece on Tuesday evening next, and we strongly advise all who missed last night's performance not to fail to put in an appearance to see this accomplished actor in one of his best characters.

THUS an exchange:—A pathetic homily on the evils of gambling was fished out of the Yarra the other morning, and laid down to dip on the bank. It consisted of the customary croak, and in the pockets there were sixteen bookmaker's tickets showing that the remains had plunged its worldly substance on sixteen spavined crooks, every one of whom had lost. There wasn't a solitary winner among the lot, and the only assets which hadn't been scooped by the placid Mops who lay the odds, were a bunch of keys, a knife, and a plug of tobacco. As the cadaver was in a seriously decayed state it is presumed that he had hopped this earthly twig about the last night of the carnival, so that for ten long days he had floated about along with the snag, and the deceased pussy-cat, and other bric-a-brac, while the combined evilwills of six dyeworks, nine tanneries, two fellomongering establishments, one bone-boiling emporium, three tallow-rendering factories, a slaughterhouse and a gasometer had breathed above his malodorous realty. These were no banal services worth mentioning, and no tomb-placid Mops who lay the odds, were a bunch of keys, a knife, and a plug of tobacco. 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